

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VALLET 00872 271351Z

47

ACTION IO-13

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-07 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 /079 W

----- 031529

R 271315Z JUL 76

FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6913

INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USMISSION USUN

C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0872

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, MT, JA, KN

SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN QUESTION AT 31 ST UNGA

REF: (A) ROME 11986; (B) ROME 8679, (C) VALLETTA 815

1. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE EMBASSY AND THE CORE GROUP HAVE REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT GOM POLICY TOWARD THE KOREAN QUESTION IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THIS YEAR, AND THAT FURTHER DEMARCHES ARE NOT GOING TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL MALTESE POSITION. AS LONG AS MINTOFF IS PRIME MINISTER, MALTA WILL VOTE FOR, AND INDEED PROBABLY WILL AGAIN CO-SPONSOR, THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREA AT THE 31ST UNGA.

2. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DISCOURAGE A SECOND JAPANESE APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT, SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GOJ DECIDE THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT A REITERATION OF THE JAPANESE VIEWPOINT ON KOREA MIGHT BE USEFUL IN HELPING TO COUNTERACT THE CHINESE/ NORTH KOREAN ARGUMENTS WHICH MINTOFF HAS SO WHOLEHEARTEDLY EMBRACED. BUT THE GOJ SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT IT  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VALLET 00872 271351Z

IS POSSIBLE TO ALTER MINTOFF'S STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT OF

HIS CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN "FRIENDS" ON THIS ISSUE.

3. WITH REGARD TO TIMING AND POLITICAL ATMOSPHERICS, EMBASSY ROME IS CORRECT IN ITS ASSESSMENT THAT A HIGHER LEVEL APPROACH WOULD HAVE TO BE TO MINTOFF HIMSELF (AS FOREIGN MINISTER). THIS COULD BE SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE AT THIS TIME, AS THE MALTESE PARLIAMENT IS WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF DISSOLUTION, AND A NATIONALI MALTESE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS IMMINENT. IF, HOWEVER, GOJ HAS OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS (SUCH AS JAPANESE/MALTESE TRADE AND INVESTMENT TIES), THIS MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT WITH MINTOFF.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF EVENTUAL GOJ DECISION CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT. WIGGINS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** POLICIES, FOREIGN RELATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 JUL 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976VALLET00872  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760289-0154  
**From:** VALLETTA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760716/aaaaanpg.tel  
**Line Count:** 76  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION IO  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 ROME 11986, 76 ROME 8679, 76 VALLETTA 815  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03 MAY 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <03 MAY 2004 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <03 MAY 2004 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** NORTH KOREAN QUESTION AT 31 ST UNGA  
**TAGS:** PFOR, MT, JA, KN, UNGA, (MINTOFF, DOMINIC)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006